

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are pending. Claim 1 stands rejected. Claims 2-5 and 7-9 are objected to. Claim 10 is allowed. Claims 11 and 12 have been added to round out the scope of the invention.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The Examiner asserts that claim 1 is incomplete for omitting essential steps. Applicant traverses this rejection. Applicant has amended claim 1 in such a way as to render this rejection moot. Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

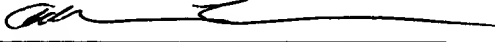
Applicant has amended claims 2, 4, 5 and 7 to improve their grammatical syntax in light of the amendments to claim 1. Applicant has respectfully maintained claims 2-5 and 7-9 in dependent form due to the allowability of amended claim 1.

All of the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant solicits an early action allowing claims 1-5 and 7-12.

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